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Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
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# Nageku Shinigami

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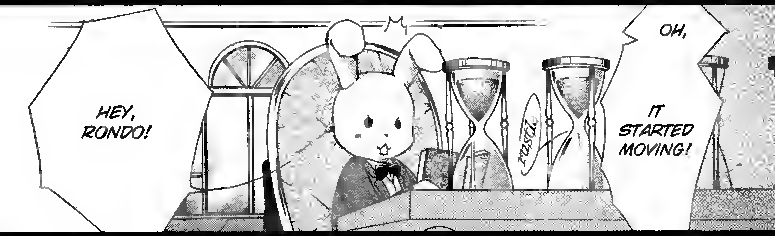
Let the goddamn bunny scratch his belly if he wants! And someone's obviously sleeping on the job; child labor laws anyone? UGH! -slaps a table-
-Adrift

The hourglass starts to count,

and I start to lament




"Very soon, somewhere, someone will die"

Why do you cry?

# Lamenting God of Death

Miyuki Mitsubachi

Just a bit outside this hustling and bustling town,
in the shadow of a thickly grown forest,
there's a small hut
HEY, RONDO!
WHERE'S OUR TARGET?
Newbie god of death
Rondo
I'M SURE IT'LL BE EASY
IT'S JUST ERASING ONE HUMAN LIFE
Hyhhen
IT'LL BE FINE, ABEL.
YOU KNOW THE PROCESS, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS OUR FIRST JOB! GET YOUR SPIRIT INTO IT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE? YOU'RE SLOW!

CLOP
We were assigned
to this loud and busy
trash-like
town
THAT HOSPITAL?
YEP.
APPARENTLY, SHE'S ILL, AND SHE'S HOSPITALIZED.
ABOUT HOW MUCH LONGER CAN SHE LIVE?
Ah
JUDGING FROM THE SPEED OF THE SAND,
SHE CAN ONLY LIVE FOR ONE WEEK AT MOST.
ABEL,
scratch
The job of a god of death
STOP SCRATCHING YOUR TUMMY!
WE'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW.
YEAH, SORRY.
Did that out of habit

It's very simple
We steal the souls while the people are still alive
...don't have any use for corpses from which the souls already left
...is to retrieve the souls of people who are nearing death
We
With the kiss of a god of death,
people die.
They won't ever open their eyes again

How easy
THEN, HONOKA,
301
I HAVE TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR
BE A GOOD GIRL AND SLEEP, OK?
OK!
rattle rattle
CLOSE
...
TAP
HELLO.

ARE YOU HORIUCHI HONOKA?
YES, I'M HORIUCHI...
...HONOKA, EIGHT YEARS OLD
"HOSPITALIZED DUE TO AN ILLNESS"...
ISN'T SHE JUST A KID...?
WHAT KIND OF DISEASE--
HEY!
HEY, RONDO! WHAT'S WRONG?!

CLOP
CLOP
"GOD OF DEATH"?
I'M A GOD OF DEATH.
NO, I'M NOT.
...AN ANGEL?
ARE YOU...
THE BUNNY TALKED...
THAT'S RIGHT, I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING OUTSIDE MY JOB...
THIS GIRL IS MY TARGET.
I WON'T KILL YOU.
TO KILL ME...?
DID YOU COME
I CAME HERE TO LET YOU DIE.
I'M RONDO, A GOD OF DEATH.
CLOP
IF I KISS YOU,
IT'LL BE OVER IN AN INSTANT.
MAYBE.
診察室

HONOKA-CHAN CAN ONLY HOLD ON FOR ONE MORE WEEK...
IF WE USE MEDICINE ON HER,
WE CAN POSSIBLY, SOMEWHAT LENGTHEN HER LIFE,
BUT IF WE DO THAT,
HER ACTIVITIES WILL BE RESTRICTED A LOT MORE COMPARED TO NOW.
I'M CERTAIN
THAT SHE...
I WANT HER TO SMILE
UNTIL THE VERY END...
.. CANNOT STAND THAT
CLOP

I'M SURE I ALREADY TOLD HER THAT EARLIER.
"IF I KISS YOU, IT'LL BE OVER IN AN INSTANT."
WHY—
...ISN'T SHE RUNNING AWAY?
WAI—
PFFT!
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T BUT LAUGH!
FU FU FU!
SHE'S LAU—
I MEAN...
HA HA HA!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME... I'VE...
FU FU FU!

WE'VE GOT TO BE FRIENDS FIRST.
SHE'S CUTE... WAIT!!
WHAT A GIRL...!
YOU CAN KISS ME, BUT NOT YET.
SO COME AND PLAY WITH ME TOMORROW, TOO.
RONDO-CHAN.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE EASY, AND YET, I COULDN'T DO IT...
THERE ARE HUMANS WHO DON'T CRY, HUH...?
ABEL...
I DON'T KNOW...
WHY CAN'T YOU DO IT, RONDO?!
AND END IT IN ONE FELL SWOOP!
JUST KISS HER.
Just kiss her!
Don't make me your role!
Please me!
YOU...
IDIOT!

WE GODS OF DEATH CANNOT CRY.
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR TEARS.
OUR TEAR GLANDS ALREADY DEGENERATED.
SHE'S JUST A STRANGE GIRL
HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT FROM GODS OF DEATH
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SHED TEARS
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THAT'S RIGHT
I HAVE NO TIME TO HESITATE.
HONOKA'S TIME OF DEATH IS DRAWING NEARER AND NEARER
BEFORE THAT...

BEFORE THIS SAND COMPLETELY FALLS DOWN...
RATTLE
chatter chatter

OH?
ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT HONOKA-CHAN?
YES.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HER,
SHE'S PLAYING OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW
Your stuffed toy is so cute.
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU NOT TO BE SLEEPING?
RUSTLE

!
YAY, YOU REALLY CAME BACK TO SEE ME!
HONOKA, DO YOU KNOW ..
RONDO-CHAN!
WHAT I CAME HERE FO—
YOU CAME HERE TO LET ME DIE, RIGHT?
THOUGH, IF YOU LEAVE ME ALONE, I'LL DIE ANYWAY.
!
I CAN ONLY LIVE JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE
THEY SAY THAT MY HEART ISN'T GOOD
tug
tug
WHO EXACTLY...

PIOP
THIS IS FOR YOU!
!
DOKI
...IS SHE...?
A—
ABEL..
WH..AT'S YOUR NAME, BUNNY?
HE HE,
DON'T YOU..
...GRIEVE THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE LONGER?
MAMA TOLD ME
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, ABEL
SHUT UP!
FU FU FU!
.. THAT I DON'T HAVE AS MUCH TIME AS OTHER PEOPLE,
SO I SHOULD SMILE EVEN MORE THAN THEM.
IT'S A WASTE IF I USE THAT TIME TO CRY.

Plop
I WANT TO DRAW PICTURES,
AND I WANT TO READ PICTURE BOOKS.
I'M VERY BUSY!
I...
WANT TO READ "THE PENGUIN MARCH"...
?!
SO I'M GOING TO CRAM IN...
...ALL THE FUN THINGS.
I'M GOING TO CRAM THEM INTO EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT I HAVE

Picture book
Chatter chatter
Much talked about!
The Penguin March
わんわん
ブリーダー
I'VE GOT TO WORK
WHILE HONOKA IS STILL ALIVE,
THAT'S RIGHT, I'VE GOT TO WORK
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
I MUST TAKE HER LIFE!
RATTLE
OOPS!
HMM?
!
WHAT AM I THINKING...?
I'VE GOT TO WORK

BE NICE TO HER, OK? ♡
I'm going shopping for a bit!
pat pat
HEY! YOU'RE HONOKA'S FRIEND!
MAMA BOUGHT THIS FOR ME!
Let's read it together!
The Penguin March
Their personalities are exactly the same
AH
RONDO-CHAN!
WHAT DID YOU HIDE?!
whoosh
!
?!
WAH!
AH...

I DO!
YOU DON'T NEED TWO OF THE SAME THING, RIGHT?
BUT,
I'M GOING TO READ THEM BOTH!
The Penguin March
IS THIS.. FOR ME...?
T- THAT'S NOT- THAT ISN'T-
NO, IT'S- YES.
YES.
CALM DOWN
HOW COME...
...AT SOMEONE LIKE ME...?
...YOU CAN SMILE LIKE THAT...
...AT A GOD OF DEATH LIKE ME?
SMILE...
chuckle
WEIRD GIRL

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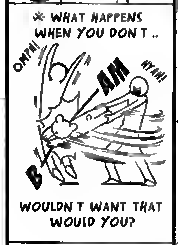


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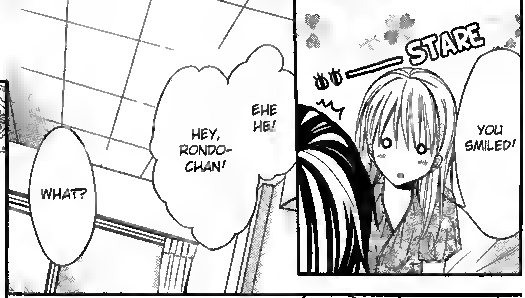

I'LL GIVE YOU A PHONE CALL WHEN I GET TO HEAVEN
THERE ARE NO PHONES IN HEAVEN
THEN I'LL WRITE YOU A LETTER!
THERE'S NO POST OFFICE EITHER
SO,

...AND KISS HER.
RONDO,
YOU'RE STARTING TO FORGET IT, AREN'T YOU?
OUR REAL GOAL...
YOU'VE GOT TO HURRY UP AND TAKE HER SOUL,
OK?
YEAH
OK.
NOW'S THE TIME.
BECAUSE WHEN SHE'S AWAKE,
HER SMILE GETS IN MY WAY.
flop!

rattle rattle
!
...!
What? Hey, she's gone again!
Does she sleepwalk?
AH!
Hey, Rondo?!
dash
WITH HER BODY...!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER...?
WHERE DID SHE GO... IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT LIKE THIS...? HONOKA...

HONOKA!
RONDO-CHAN...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU'RE SICK!
WHY AREN'T YOU SLEEPING LIKE A GOOD...

HONOKA?
...
..
WIPE
WIPE
DON'T TELL ME...
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... QUIETLY CRYING ALONE...?
I DON'T HAVE...
A PAPA,
SO...

ALL THIS TIME,
IT'S BEEN JUST MAMA AND ME
AND YET, I'M GOING TO LEAVE MAMA ALL ALONE AGAIN...
MAMA... ALWAYS SMILES FOR ME,
BUT I'M SURE THAT SHE'LL BE REALLY LONELY
I DON'T KNOW
HOW I CAN APOLOGIZE TO HER...
IF...
...I WAS AN ANGEL,
I WOULDN'T HAVE TO...
...MAKE YOU CRY LIKE THIS, WOULD I?
SOFIA
I CAN ONLY STEAL.
...
I'M...
RONDO-CHA--
!

...A GOD OF DEATH,
SO,
I WAS SUPPOSED TO END YOUR LIFE.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EASY,
AND YET...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
RONDO,
THERE ISN'T MUCH SAND LEFT
TODAY WILL BE HER LAST DAY.
I WANT YOU TO KEEP ON LIVING.

...I WAS AN ANGEL...
IF ONLY...
SO AT LEAST, SEND HER OFF IN AN INSTANT
WE CAN'T SAVE HER, ANYWAY
EVEN IF YOU LEAVE HER ALONE, SHE WILL STILL DIE
I WISH I WERE AN ANGEL...
!
RATTLE
RONDO-CHAN,
I'M SORRY, SOMEHOW, I CAN'T GET UP TODAY
OVER THERE.
...I'VE LEFT YOUR VEST FROM YESTERDAY, SO WEAR IT, OK...?
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
...

HONOKA...
I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME IS UP.
I'VE COME TO TAKE YOUR SOUL
IT'LL END RIGHT AWAY, SO YOU JUST HAVE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES...
GOODBYE...
.....
OK.
...

Flop
EHE
I DID IT.
NO MATTER WHAT, I WANTED
TO HAVE
MY
FIRST KISS
WITH YOU.

CLOSE
YOU MADE IT IN TIME
BEFORE THE SAND COMPLETELY FELL DOWN
RONDO..
It's over
Every-thing is really over..
rustle
...?
The sand
stopped falling
Plip

"I'M GOING TO CRAM IN"
Rondo-chan
Don't forget me.
Honoka
"ALL THE FUN THINGS."
"I'M GOING TO"
"CRAM THEM"
"INTO EVERY SINGLE DAY"
"I HAVE!"
"I'LL CALL YOU."
"THEN, I'LL WRITE YOU A LETTER."
"RONDO-CHAN..."
!
Patter
Don't
Honoka

"DON'T CRY, OK...?"
...!
HONOKA...
RONADO, YOU...
WHY AM I CRYING?
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY, HONOKA...

"GODS OF DEATH CAN'T CRY."
I'M CRYING
BECAUSE YOU CRAMMED THEM IN
"DON'T FORGET ME."
forget me.
Honoka
I WON'T EVER FORGET YOU,
BECAUSE
YOU CRAMMED...
.. ALL THE FUN THINGS..
..AND THE GENTLE THINGS IN ME.
YOU ALWAYS
SMILED AT ME,
AND YET, I COULDN'T DO IT. I'M SORRY ..
I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T GIVE ANYTHING BACK TO YOU.
...YOUR IMAGE IS BURNT INTO MY EYES, AND IT WON'T GO AW. Y.

I COULDN'T SAY THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SMILING AT ME, BUT...
...I REALLY LOVED YOU...
U...
...!
SNIFF
SNIFF
UU...

Sparkle
RONDO..
Don't cry
HONOKA'S SAND...
Sparkle
...
RONDO..
HEY, LOOK, RONDO!
LOOK AT THAT!
...IS COMING BACK!

...!
NO WAY..
Sparkle
Sparkle
Sparkle
WHY...
IT'S YOUR TEARS!
GODS OF DEATH CAN'T CRY!
RONDO, YOU..
THIS IS A MIRACLE!
..AN EXTREMELY RARE CASE..
A LAMENTING GOD OF DEATH.
MNN
THAT'S...

HONOKA!
MAMA?
MAMA...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN DREAMING ALL THIS TIME..
ALL THIS TIME ..
huggies
I THOUGHT.. YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP ANYMORE
AH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT..!
step
step
Doctor!
Honoka-chan! wake up!
NO.
WAS IT A NIGHTMARE..?
I DREAMT OF AN ANGEL.
PLEASE.

PLEASE...
"ARE YOU..."
"...AN ANGEL?"
...SMILE.
LIVE ONCE AGAIN.
"THE ONLY GOD OF DEATH WHO CAN SAVE HUMANS..."

IN EXCHANGE
FOR HER MEMORIES WITH ME.
SHE WAS GIVEN A SECOND LIFE
SHE PROBABLY,
WON'T EVER REMEMBER ME AGAIN
SO A GOD OF DEATH'S TEARS HAS THE POWER OF AN ANGEL...
I WONDER IF SHE WILL GET BETTER...
SQUEEZE
WELL, IT'S ALL UP TO HER.
LET'S GO, ABEL...

...TO OUR NEXT JOB.
In this loud, busy, and trash-like town,
ABEL...
HMM?
STOP SCRATCHING YOUR TUMMY
OK.
JOB? WHICH ONE?
MAKE THEM DIE? OR MAKE THEM LIVE?
I DON'T KNOW.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
Today, as always, everyone is living their life while putting all their feelings into it.
*Nageku Shinigami*
The End